

**MINUTES  
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**MERCER UNIVERSITY  
Griffin Bell Board Room  
1400 Coleman Avenue  
Macon, Georgia 31207**

**July 21, 2011**

**9:00 a.m.**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Rudy Bowen, Chairman  
Johnny Floyd, Vice Chairman  
Jay Shaw  
Sam Wellborn  
Robert Brown  
Emory McClinton  
Brandon Beach  
Jim Cole  
Emily Dunn  
Don Grantham  
Jeff Lewis  
Bobby Parham

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Dana Lemon

**DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Vance Smith, Commissioner  
Gerald Ross, Deputy Commissioner/Chief Engineer  
Elizabeth Osmon  
Angie Whitworth  
Matt Cline

Chairman Rudy Bowen opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Jim Cole recognized everyone that assisted with the Board meeting and thanked them for their hospitality.

Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 2011 meetings. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 2011 meetings, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously approved.\*

Gerald Ross, Deputy Commissioner/Chief Engineer, presented the projects proposed for the August 2011 Letting, which included the Safe Routes to School projects, for approval. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve. Robert Brown made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the August 2011 Letting, seconded by Sam Wellborn and unanimously approved.\*

Gerald Ross also presented the revisions to the Construction Work Program for July 2011 for approval. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve the revisions to the Construction Work Program for July 2011. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the revisions to the Construction Work Program for July 2011, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously approved.\* Gerald Ross also stated there were no revisions for the Construction Work Program for August 2011.

Gerald Ross also presented the projects submitted for the TIGER I and TIGER II Grants. There was some discussion regarding the projects submitted. Emory McClinton requested a copy of the criteria to qualify for the TIGER grants.

Bill Hart and Steve Lansing, Macon/Bibb County, gave a presentation on Macon/Bibb County, which included Bibb County potential freight hub and proposed projects.\*

Commissioner Vance Smith gave his monthly report, which included state fund collections; total employment figure for the month ending June 30, 2011; major projects open to traffic and GDOT employees who have received their Professional Engineers License.\*

Johnny Floyd gave a report from the Administrative Committee.\* Johnny Floyd stated that the Administrative Committee unanimously approved to recommend to the full Board to Open the Rules for 30 days on Governing Permits for Vehicles or Loads or Excess Weight or Dimension. Johnny Floyd made a motion to waive the 10 Day Rule to Open the Rules for 30 days on Governing Permits for Vehicles or Loads or Excess Weight or Dimension, seconded by Sam Wellborn and unanimously approved. Johnny Floyd also made a motion to Open the Rules for 30 days on Governing Permits for Vehicles or Loads or Excess Weight or Dimension, seconded by Sam Wellborn and unanimously approved.

Brandon Beach gave a report from the Public Private (P3) Committee.\* Brandon Beach stated he had good news that Georgia was selected out of 40 applicants for the TIFIA Loan and wanted to publically thank Governor Deal, Mayor Reed and the Georgia DOT staff for their support. There was no action taken at the meeting.

Jim Cole gave a report from the Legislative Committee.\* There was no action taken at the meeting.

Brandon Beach gave a report from the Intermodal Committee.\* There was no action taken at the meeting.

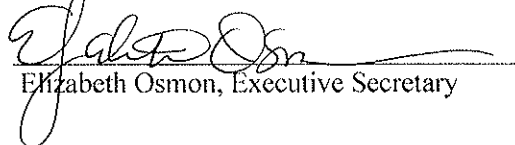
Emory McClinton gave a report from the Partners Committee.\* There was no action taken at the meeting.

There being no further business, Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to adjourn. Sam Wellborn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously approved.

**Approved:**

  
Rudy Bowen, Chairman

**Respectfully submitted:**

  
Elizabeth Osmon, Executive Secretary

**\*Denotes documentation in file.**